

CALENDAR

OF

EVENTS

DEADLINE:

FRIDAY,

4:00 P.M.

WEST GROVE M.B.C.
West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will host its 133th Church Anniversary on Sunday, September 23 at 11 a.m.
9-13,20

HCCTC
Holmes County Career and Technical Center in Lexington is offering Adult Education Night Classes with registration on Tuesday, October 2, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Classes offered are welding, basic computer literacy, residential wiring (electrical wiring) \$45, autobody paint and refinish and GED/Smart Start. Registration is \$25.00, except residential wiring, for ten weeks of training. Call the Holmes County Career and Technical Center, formerly Vo-Tech, at 662-834-3052 for more information.
9-20,27

BEULAH BAPTIST
Beulah Baptist Church in Lexington will hold homecoming services on Sunday, September 23 at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow worship and an afternoon singing.
9-20

PROMISE LAND M.B.C.
Promise Land M.B. Church will host its 35th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, October, 7 at 9: 15 a.m.
9-20,27

LEXINGTON LIBRARY
Lexington Public Library will hold its monthly Third Thursday movie event for children on September 20 at 3:15 p.m. Third Thursday is co-sponsored by Friends

Obituaries

JOHN ALBERT REED
Journey into Eternity
John Albert Reed was called into eternal rest on Friday, August 17, 2018 at the age of 97. John was born in Lexington, MS to the late Sylvester and Lena Reed. Mr. Reed served his country in the Military Branch of the U.S. Army. Following his discharge from service he moved to Chicago, IL, where he continued to reside until his death. John was a devoted father of 10 children.

ANNIE WEATHERALL SKINNER
The funeral service for Mrs. Annie Weatherall Skinner of Cruger, MS will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at St. Peter Rock M.B. Church at 1:00 p.m. Interment will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Lexington, MS. Century Hairston Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

BOBBIE J. DAWSON
Mrs. Bobbie J. Dawson, 67, of Durant, MS passed away of natural causes on Thursday, September 13, 2018. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 18 at Bethlehem M.B. Church in Pickens. Winters Funeral Home handled the arrangements.


MARY MATTHEWS
Staff Reports
Mary Matthews, 17, daughter of Edward and Renee Matthews of Lexington, is assigned for nine weeks of basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina after enlisting in the U.S. Army. Matthews was delivered on Tuesday, September 18, to Fort Jackson. Matthews, pictured above, graduated from Camp Shelby’s Youth Challenge Academy receiving her high school diploma. Matthews scored a 57 on her Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) and plans to attend culinary school at Fort Lee in Virginia. Matthews said her family has a legacy of service in the armed forces including two uncles who served during the Vietnam War. Matthews is pictured above during graduation practice at Camp Shelby on June 16.



DURANT LIBRARY
The Durant Public Library will host Bingo for Books on Tuesday, September 25 at 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Prizes will be given to the winners.
9-20

HCCSD
The Holmes County Consolidated School District Board of Education will host the dedication ceremony and reception of the Doretha Draine Wiley Fine Arts Magnet Academy on Friday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the campus of Holmes County Central High School; Lexington, MS.
The community is invited to this memorable event, and former speech and drama students are encouraged to attend.
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No Coddling These Colts!



It was win-lose-win for the Lexington Colts youth teams on Saturday, September 15, against the Morton Panthers. The team scores were Rookies, 14-8, Midgets, 0-24, and Pee wee, 16-24, with the Rookies remaining undefeated. Pictured above, Lexington Colts Rookie team quarterback Jamartee Mayes (#12) ran two touchdowns during Saturday’s match up against the Morton Panthers. (Photo submitted)



Lexington Colts’ Rookie team running back Kendarius Harris (#7) ran for a touchdown at Saturday’s, September 15, game against the Morton Panthers. (Photo submitted)



The Lexington Colts Cheerleaders spurred on the team at Saturday’s, September 15, match up with the Morton Panthers. Pictured above first row (from left): Antiniya Thomas, Antenesha Thomas and Takiyah Jefferson; Second row: Danlandra Johnson, Lauren Sherman, Valencyia greer, Jada Stewart; Last row: Joi Luckett, Kamya Fisher, Oriya Watson, and Asia Powers. Not pictured: Llyssah Randle and Ava Grant; and Coaches Jacarro Jefferson, Yvette Johnson, Tricy Cobbins and Mercedes Malone. (Photo submitted)

America’s hungriest and poorest states need sustained federal support to escape cycles of poverty and hunger

Associated Press
Seven states ranked among the top ten hungriest and poorest in the country, according to recently released U.S. government data. The states are New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky and West Virginia.

While there have been reductions in national poverty and hunger rates, the recent US Census data and the US Department of Agriculture reports show that poverty goes hand-in-hand with hunger.

The two-year average national poverty rate dipped to

12.3 percent or 39.7 million people in 2017 and 11.8 percent of American households or 40 million people experienced hunger last year.

Two graphics – Top Ten Poorest (<http://bit.ly/fcnl-poverty>) and Top Ten Hungriest States (<http://bit.ly/fcnlhunger>) – illustrate the data analysis made by the Friends Committee on National Legislation. These states have hunger and poverty rates well above the national averages.

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